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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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